

April 24, 1953

Miss Blanche A. Smith, Librarian
State Traveling Library
State Historical Building
Des Moines 19, Iowa

Dear Miss Smith:

Your letter of April 23 has thrown me into a state of even worse confusion than I've been operating in the past several days - or maybe it's the past several days that have made your letter confuse me! I should explain myself after that, I suppose. I've been running around to rural schools for three weeks showing a film - 6 a day - not six different films, I should add, but 6 showings of the same film! And then comes your letter saying I have a friend in Emmetsburg, and I'm switched if I know a blooming soul in the Burg - beyond knowing Mrs. Haas to say "hello" to when I see her! See what I mean? I think, though, that I told you I'd been invited to stay the weekend, after the Atlantic meeting, with a friend in Council Bluffs - a girl who once taught in my home town. I'm committed to that, so I'm sorry to have to turn down your offer of bed and board after Atlantic. Thank you much, however, for th offer after Fairfield. That I will take, gladly! You know I'm really sorry not to be able to stay Wed. night at the Turner. I remember that place as one of the pleasantest hotels I've ever run into - used to stay there during WPA days.

That takes care of the first week, I believe. As for the second, I believe I'll hit for Dubuque on Tuesday night and on to Waukon Wed. a.m. Wed. night at the St. Charles will be fine. It used to be a mighty fine small town hotel in WPA days, and I had a very good Sunday dinner there on my way back from home after Christmas. The Willson at Webster City is fine, too - I remember it, too, from WPA days. That takes care of the 2nd week.

I have no friend in Emmetsburg, but I do have one in Estherville. That's so far from here, though, that in order to get there Tues. nite, I'd have to leave here by 8 o'clock that morning, so I haven't let her know I'll be in town. I'm toying with the idea of staying in the so-very-nice hotel in Humboldt that night - also remembered from WPA days. Sioux City the night after Estherville is fine, please make a reservation for me, too. It's seems so silly for us to be running around in two cars, but located as we are from each other and the places we have to be I don't see how we could do it otherwise, do you? How I wish I'd learned to fly long ago! Please do reserve for two at Atlantic for May 14. After the Atlantic meeting I go to Council Bluffs. And that takes care of the third week and the IIA District Meetings! Being president can't be any worse than the v.p. job!

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I've just come back from lunch and reading the last issue of the QUARTERLY. I like WE STAND UNITED very much. Together with the letter, it presents the case very well, I believe. I just hope that every trustee reads his issue of the QUARTERLY thoroughly and thoughtfully.

Did you know that Opal had had one response to the letter? She sent me a carbon of a letter received from the Arnolds Park library board, which in turn was a carbon of one they'd sent to their legislators in the form of a resolution asking them to support 162. I hope they read and re-read paragraph 8, "The second factor. . ."

Speaking of library trustees, we have another change on our board as of this month. Mrs. Wm. Levien, Dixon, has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. F.J. Ford, Dixon, whose resignation became necessary when he moved out of the rural taxing district he represented on the board into the city of Davenport which is not a part of the Scott County Library district.

I think I have been derelict about notifying you of other changes, too. Our board, at this time, (for your records) is: Mr. Raymond Baetke, Long Grove, Acting President; Mrs. Harry Kleeburg, Princeton, Secretary; Mrs. Carl Spring, Rt. 5, Davenport; Mrs. W.C. Vollstedt, Dixon; Mrs. Wm. Levien, Dixon; Mr. Roy Curtis, Princeton; Mr. H.E. Lund, Princeton; Mr. Erwin Waage, 3800 Locust St., Davenport; Mr. Harold Rath, Long Grove.

"Will see you in Monticello next Wednesday a.m.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth B. Hage